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Winterim Philosophy

All Forman students and faculty are required to participate in Winterim, the centerpiece of Forman School's commitment to experiential education. Winterim is an exploration of subjects and ideas not taught in a traditional classroom setting, allowing for the examination of important issues and the pursuit of new endeavors. Because students with different learning styles tend to excel as innovators, entrepreneurs, creators, and leaders, Winterim is designed to give students experience in and an opportunity for applying skills that lay a foundation for their talents.

Winterim is more than a timely educational break in the academic routine. It is an intentional program designed for students to discover and develop their individual interests and talents.

The prices quoted are estimates. Registrations usually determine final costs, and parents will be notified of the actual cost when permission forms are signed, schedules are finalized, and itineraries are produced. In addition, as travel has been greatly disrupted due to ongoing consideration of the pandemic, providing accurate pricing far in advance of the actual trip is difficult, and the final cost may differ from the estimate provided for travel Winterims.

Winterim courses are graded and earn a .5 credit that is reported on transcripts. Parents should take an active and early role in helping their children select a Winterim project that will be engaging and beneficial. Students make their Winterim selections during the Course Sign-Up Process in the spring with input from the Director of Studies and their family.

Selection

It is important for students to carefully consider choices, as they may not get their first choice. Students may not enroll in the same course twice during their time at Forman School. Changing a Winterim selection after the deadline will result in parents being financially responsible for both choices. Winterim deposits are non-refundable.

Academic Credit

Winterim is a graduation requirement for each year that a student attends Forman. If a student does not earn credit for a Winterim course, they will be required to make up the missing requirement during the following summer. To make up for this obligation, students must work with the School to find an appropriate summer course for credit.

Students must understand that all school rules, including the prohibition of alcohol and illegal drugs, remain in force during Winterim for both on- and off-campus courses. Any violations will result in disciplinary action and could also result in the loss of Winterim credit, which will need to be made up.

Absences

Given the short, intensive nature of the program, students are not permitted to miss class days. Any absences may result in the loss of Winterim credit and will require summer makeup.

Legitimate illnesses and emergencies will be dealt with on an individual basis, but there may come a time when too much of the course has been missed. Early departure for vacation may result in automatic loss of credit.

Behavior Considerations

Students need to be in good standing to participate in a Winterim that involves more than three days of off-campus travel. At the time of their Winterim selection, or at the time of the Winterim, students must not have been on social probation during the past six months. Students wishing to appeal this consideration need the permission of both the Dean of Students and the Director of Studies.

Travel Considerations

Any Winterim involving three or more days off-campus requires a non-refundable deposit. Travel in the United States requires a deposit of \$1,000 upon receipt of the invoice and commitment contract, and international travel requires a non-refundable deposit of \$1,500.

Failure to provide a deposit by the deadline will result in the student being placed on a waitlist and the possibility of having to pick a different Winterim. Some Winterim trips may also require a visa or visas. It is the responsibility of the student and their family to obtain a valid passport and any necessary visas. The number of days listed as off-campus is approximate at this writing; as more details of the itinerary are secured, parents will be notified of a specific itinerary.

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Health Advisory Considerations

Winterim courses involving travel have additional health and safety considerations that both students and parents need to be aware of when selecting a Winterim. Parents need to make the Student Health Center aware of any allergies, food restrictions, serious medical conditions, and medication requirements. As some Winterim trips are far from medical services, the Student Health Center may restrict travel for students with certain medical issues. Parents should follow the CDC guidelines regarding travel outside the United States and be aware of all requirements and recommendations for the countries their child will visit. Parents should consult with their physician and/or a travel clinic on these considerations. It is required that students traveling for more than three days off-campus have an annual flu vaccine and are up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations.

Financial Risk and Insurance

Once a student has enrolled in a Winterim, Forman begins to make financial commitments based on the expectation of the student's participation in that course. For this reason, the family is responsible for the cost of the Winterim even if the student drops the course, regardless of the reason; if a student needs to enroll in another course, the family is also obligated to pay for the cost of the new course. Parents will receive a Winterim Commitment Contract, an Assumption of Risk waiver, a Medical Decision Authorization form, and more Winterim project details throughout the fall. We advise the purchase of travel insurance for courses that require air travel from Allianz Travel, or another travel insurance company of your choosing. If your student is enrolled in a travel trip, you will receive further information about Allianz Travel.

Winterim Class Times

The Winterim program runs Monday through Saturday for two weeks. Monday through Friday class times are 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and 9:00-12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Students are required to be present every day during the entire Winterim period and are graded for this course, earning a .5 credit that is reported on transcripts. Early departure for vacation may result in automatic loss of credit. Legitimate illnesses and emergencies will be addressed on an individual basis.

Students who are not in a traveling Winterim and are participating in an on-campus Winterim must attend their daily sports commitment.

There are several on-campus venues open during the evening hours for students from 6:30-9:30 p.m. In-town shuttles and frequent trips to the movies, the mall, etc., will also be offered.

Important Points to Think about When Choosing a Winterim Course

Parents should actively help their student choose the courses that are best for them and affordable.

Students should follow their own interests when choosing courses. Courses popular with their friends may not truly match their own interests.

Read course travel advisories carefully. They provide necessary information about health and skill requirements.

Select all Winterim course choices carefully, as you may be placed in any of them, not necessarily your first choice.

Winterim Internships

Available only to seniors and PG students

Initial internship proposals, in lieu of a Winterim course, must be presented to the Director of Studies by May 15th to make sure they meet specific guidelines. There is a separate program to follow if a student chooses a Winterim Internship. Full and final internship details must be presented to the Director of Studies by November 15th.

A presentation at an assigned Assembly is required in the spring. Communication between the internship contact and the Director of Studies takes place to be sure a thorough evaluation is completed and sent to the School for the student to receive a Winterim credit.

Students should understand that all school rules, including the prohibition of alcohol and illegal drugs, remain in force during Winterim (both on and off campus). Violations will result in disciplinary action and could result in the loss of Winterim credit or other disciplinary consequences.

OFF CAMPUS OPTIONS

Finding Your Muse

France

Cost: \$4,000

10 Students

Finding your Muse - France is a trip themed upon the inspiration of beautiful places, and the creativity that can result because of it. This will be an art themed trip, starting in Paris and sweeping through the south of France through Nimes, Arles, Aix-en-Provence, Marseille, and Nice. Museums, historical sites, and art immersion will be the main focus of the daily trip. This will include museums such as the Louvre, Rodin Museum, the Palace of Versailles, the gardens of Claude Monet, Van Gogh Foundation, Matisse Museum, the Cezanne trail, and more. While in the south of France, a sketchbook project will commence, with time spent daily creating art - from sketching with pencils and charcoal to other easily transportable mediums such as water colors. Daily time spent in nature and in city streets, giving way to short hikes and incredible food, will act as inspiration in addition to the work of past masters, especially of French Impressionism.

Travel Advisory Considerations:

Annual flu vaccine and up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccinations

Forman Footsteps in Time

Cambodia & Vietnam

Cost: \$6,500

10 Students

Cultures around the world work to preserve their histories while simultaneously recognizing the push to continuously grow and modernize with the times. This Winterim will honor the history of Forman by following founder Julie Forman's footsteps to Cambodia and continuing on to Vietnam beyond her initial journeys. We will look at Julie's journal entries from her time in Cambodia to prompt our group's own reflections and think about how Cambodia and Vietnam balance their strong histories with the pressures of change and globalization. Students will have the opportunity to create a short video, podcast, or collection of written word or art to document how Vietnam and Cambodia honor their past and present while also learning more about the history of Forman and Julie's journeys throughout the world.

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Forman Makes A Documentary

Iceland

Cost: \$5,000 - \$5,500

10 Students

Iceland is surely near the top of the bucket list for almost every environmental documentary filmmaker. The landscapes are utterly unique and offer the kind of scenes that you simply can't witness anywhere else on earth. Jagged mountain peaks and waterfalls, black sand beaches and glaciers, and the northern lights; the diversity is seemingly endless. It's the kind of trip where you can't fail to be inspired by the epic nature of the scenery, and in winter, with the landscape blanketed in white snow, this location is even more breathtaking. There's an almost monochromatic nature to the landscape with smooth white snowscapes interrupted by black volcanic rocks or black sand and almost everywhere you look the view is ripe with visual possibilities.

Throughout all of these locations, we will be constantly amazed at the scenes that unfold with every mile of the road. Tiny waterfalls frozen into ice and unnamed peaks covered in snow, every few minutes bring a new and incredible view. And of course, wherever we go there's always the possibility of the aurora appearing at night, and if it does we'll be ready.

The aim is to take students to incredible locations and give them every opportunity to create their own environmental documentary film. Students will spend time researching the areas we are going to, preparing shot lists, learning how to use their cameras effectively, and how to edit their footage together to tell a cohesive and immersive story through film.

Travel Advisory Considerations:

Annual flu vaccine and up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccinations

Students enrolled in this Winterim must also enroll in an associated Documentary Filmmaking course during the regular academic year

OFF CAMPUS OPTIONS

Landscape and Culture

Scotland

Cost: \$6000

10 Students

From crashing surf to rolling glens to rocky crags, the landscape of Scotland is both awe-inspiring and a prominent consideration in everyday life. The connection with the land is at the heart of Scottish culture, politics, and history. This Winterim course will be a tour of Scotland's regions, taking in examples of art, food, history, and recreation, as well as how the landscape and environment of Scotland figures into these concepts. Each student will work on a daily blog and a travel essay that will require both writing and photography. Students will be spending a good amount of time outdoors and need to be prepared for a variety of weather conditions as well as a lot of walking/hiking.

Travel Advisory Considerations:

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Not All Who Wander Are Lost: A Fantasy and Film Experience

New Zealand

Cost: \$7000

10 Students

As an attached experience to the World-building in Fantasy class, this Winterim will explore the connections between world-building within the formation of imaginative storytelling, and its translation into cinematic and themed entertainment industries. We will spend the excursion exploring the application of world-building in the film industry and reflecting on the popularity of New Zealand as an on-site location for various fantasy film projects. The excursion includes lectures with contributors to the film, a workshop experience at WETA, and exploring filming locations and sets for the beloved trilogies. It is an opportunity to explore a fantasy world/ film legacy that has popularized fantasy films and become a household name. It also offers students the ability to explore a career path that is not always explored in the secondary school setting. To chronicle their experiences, each student will use a journal(written or video diary) to reflect on their New Zealand experience. In this way, the students become their own version of "Bilbo Baggins," cementing their story into a narrative that can be shared on various platforms.

Travel Advisory Considerations:

Annual flu vaccine and up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccinations

Students enrolled in this Winterim must also enroll in the World-building in Fantasy course during the regular academic year

Sports Analytics: Spring Training Baseball

Florida

Cost: \$3500

10 Students

Are you looking for a unique and hands-on learning experience in the exciting field of sports analytics and baseball? Look no further! Our 2-week Spring Training Sports Analytics Baseball Winterim in Florida offers the opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of baseball analytics and gain hands-on experience in data collection, analysis, and application. You'll have the chance to visit Major League Baseball teams, observe the real-world use of analytics, and network with industry professionals. You'll also work on a capstone project that allows you to apply the techniques you've learned to a real-world baseball problem. With expert instruction, opportunities for hands-on learning, and a chance to experience the heart of spring training in Florida, this program is the perfect way to take your love for baseball and analytics to the next level. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to enhance your skills and knowledge in a fun and engaging environment.

Travel Advisory Considerations:

Annual flu vaccine and up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccinations

OFF CAMPUS OPTIONS

The Forman Rainforest Project

Costa Rica

Cost: \$3,000 - \$3,500

10 Students

High adventure with a conservation mission. Have you ever wanted to be in the jungle and study one type of animal? How about helping to save that animal? To do this, we need information based on collecting species or species pictures. We need well-trained students who can live in a rustic situation with some rain and be in the field collecting data. The data you collect goes to University data banks, which help keep track of species populations. This class and expedition is a once-in-a-lifetime event. It is a scientific mission while having a great time.

Travel Advisory Considerations:

Annual flu vaccine and up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccinations

Students should be prepared for extensive walking/hiking and lodging in rustic accommodations

Students enrolled in this Winterim must also enroll in three associated tropical ecology courses during the regular academic year

The History of the Incan Empire and Biodiversity of the Amazon

Peru & Ecuador

Cost: \$6200

10 Students

This Winterim offering is a beautiful combination of biodiversity in the Amazon and a focus on modern culture & history of the Incan Empire. It includes gastronomy, architecture, natural wonders and animal & wildlife encounters.

Have you dreamed of visiting one of the Seven Wonders of the World or the Rainbow Mountain? This exquisite trip begins in the beautiful cities of Lima with travels to Cusco and Quito. Remarkable experiences include trips to Rainbow Mountain, Machu Picchu, Yasuni National Park, and Napo Wildlife Center. We will explore The Salt Mines of Maras & The Ruins of Moray, climb a Canopy Tower and enjoy Rainforest Hikes & Canoe Rides deep into the jungle. Imagine visiting the Parrot Clay Lick & the Kichwa Community, meeting incredible new people, and helping to maintain the culture and land of the indigenous communities.

Travel Advisory Considerations:

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Traveling the Path of WWII

Western Europe

Cost: \$5,000 - 6,000

10 Students

World War II is amongst the most talked about human conquests of all time. In classrooms, we often explore the conditions that lead to worldwide conflicts, but this Winterim instead aims to place students in those geographical places physically. By visiting cities, territories, and landmarks that still remain scarred from the wars, we can better learn and observe the impact of such enormous conflicts and reflect on how far we've come, and still how far we have to go.

Travel Advisory Considerations:

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OFF CAMPUS OPTIONS

Yellowstone Winter Ecology

Wyoming

Cost: \$4000

10 Students

"Yellowstone's beauty, abundance of wildlife, and fascinating thermal features combine to make this high-altitude plateau an extraordinary ecosystem – but experiencing it in the winter is a unique treat. There's a solitude, beauty, and a concentration of wildlife that you just can't find during the busy summer months.

Using radio telemetry, you'll track the park's top five ungulate species to collect information about herd demographics and the sites they use – data that is critical for ongoing species management. EPI collaborates directly with scientists, and your involvement in the research will assist in shaping the park's management strategies.

Although this course involves hard work, there will be ample opportunities for enjoyable activities. Each day, you'll venture into the snowy terrain, exploring geothermal features or observing wolves and other wildlife in the renowned Lamar Valley. On your final day, relax in a developed hot spring, located just outside the Park. "

Travel Advisory Considerations:

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A Night at the Opera

Cost: \$510

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

This Winterim will explore the history and traditions of opera. We will watch works by major composers, including Mozart, Verdi, Puccini, and Wagner, and use these as launching pads to discuss opera's treatment of class, gender, and race. On day trips, we will meet with current professionals in Connecticut to learn about how the art form maintains relevance locally. Finally, we will spend a night in New York City to attend a performance of Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette* at the Metropolitan Opera.

Art Galore

Cost: \$300 - 500

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

The nooks and crannies of the Connecticut Northwest Hills are home to an abundance of artists of many mediums. In this Winterim students will learn about a variety of art and craft forms including but not limited to glass blowing, metal sculpting, stained glass, collage, woodworking, mosaics, macrame, and printmaking. For the most part, various artists will visit us on campus for one-day workshops that will consist of a demonstration by the artist followed by a hands-on workshop so students can try the craft for themselves! However, several workshops will be held off-campus at the artist's studio. Don't miss out on this fun adventure through the creative minds and studios of artists near and far.

Capturing Our World - Photographing the World We Live In

Cost: \$300

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

How can we capture the world around us in photographs? What stories do we want to tell? How will we tell these stories through photographs? In capturing our world, we will explore different styles of photography such as landscape, street, action, abstract, documentary, and black and white. We will study these different styles of photography and how to capture them using different camera settings, compositions, perspectives, and ways of seeing. The majority of time will be spent photographing with classroom sessions for editing images in Adobe Photoshop. We will photograph in the areas local to Forman as well as on some day trips to a few spots in New England. The winterim group will have a show at a local off-campus location of selected images from the session.

Children's Book Series: Shaping Young Minds

Cost: \$100-300

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

Each student will create a children's book that focuses on acceptance and understanding. This is an opportunity for you to teach children at a young age about topics that are of importance to you and to teach young minds about the criticalness of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. The topics can be (but are not limited to) the following: Learning Differences, Mental Health, LGBTQ, Racial Equality, Self Esteem, Body Image, Healthy Eating, Social Issues, Bullying, and more! The goal is to create a variety of children's books that we can make into a series for children to foster empathy, and acceptance and to enjoy! Each book will be created using an online Book Creator app, so no need to worry about being an artist in order to illustrate. All students must have a reliable computer and be able to complete research independently and be able to work on the computer in order to create their book.

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College Tours of the Northeast

Cost: \$500

This Winterim is open only to Juniors

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

What type of college is the best “fit” for me? What type of college will give me the best education and jump-start on life? What are the different types of colleges? What if I choose the wrong college? What characteristics should I be looking for in a college? This Winterim will attempt to answer these questions and more for students. Students will develop a solid understanding and foundation of the many different options that are available to them at the collegiate level. By visiting a variety of different colleges in the area, students will gain the knowledge necessary to make educated decisions regarding their post-secondary options. This Winterim aims to help students see that having a college that fits their needs is far more important than having a college with a popular name.

Cryptography

Cost: \$500

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

Throughout history, people have been devoted to protecting secret information. In this Winterim, students will be introduced to various ciphers, the basics of number theory, and public key exchange systems. During the early part of the course, we will explore primitive ciphers, such as the scytale cipher, the Caesar cipher, the Playfair Cipher, and the ADFGX cipher, which were used from the time of Ancient Greece up to the First World War. More advanced ciphers, such as multiplicative ciphers, affine ciphers, and the Enigma machine, will also be investigated. Toward the midpoint of the course, an emphasis will be placed on Algebraic Number Theory, which is the backbone of Cryptography. Algebraic Number Theory will be used in understanding topics such as modular arithmetic, modular exponentiation, orbitals, primitive roots and generators. Our final set of discussions and activities will focus on Public Key Cryptography, which is the mathematical model for the condition whereby two people are able to publicly exchange important information to exchange a cipher's key. Student evaluations will be carried out in a variety of ways, such as informal classroom Jeopardy games, code sending simulations, code breaking simulations, and public key exchange simulations. Students participate in an Escape Room designed by the instructor. Students will also present on a topic relating with Cryptography, and participate in a Cryptographic Scavenger Hunt. Some basic Python coding will be implemented in some of this cipher. We will conclude the Winterim by visiting the National Cryptologic Museum in Annapolis Junction, MD.

Day Tripping: Cultural Explorations of Connecticut and the Northeast

Cost: \$500-750

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

Feel like traveling but like sleeping in your own bed, come Day Tripping! There are more than 30,000 sq miles in a 100 mile radius circle from our school. Let's go exploring! Each day will have a theme (some may be repeated) and each day will have gastronomical adventure as well. Newport, Springfield, the USS Intrepid, and the largest indoor Bubbah in the western hemisphere are all possible locations. While many destinations will be predetermined, part of the lead-up to the experience will be student input toward choosing additional places to explore.

Fact-Based Opinion Writing: The Art of the Op-Ed

Cost: \$0

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

This course is designed to familiarize students with the kind of opinion writing that appears in publications like the New York Times, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal, and give them the tools they need to craft similarly persuasive writing. Students will spend the duration of the two-week course tracking a relevant issue, reading related opinion pieces, conducting research, crafting their own op-eds, and submitting their work to local publications.

ON CAMPUS OPTIONS

Forged In Forman

Cost: \$500-800

Min: 5 Students, Max: 10 Students

This is a hands-on Winterim during which students work with professional and award-winning blacksmiths to learn the art of metalcraft. Students will travel off campus each day to a local forge to learn the basics for the first week and then craft their own knives for the second week. The course would also include the screening of documentaries about smithing and visits to nearby sites and museums.

Frontier Law & Order

Cost: \$100

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

Just how wild was the 'Wild, Wild West,' really? In this course, students will investigate systems of justice on the western frontier of the United States from the mid-to late-nineteenth century. Popular film and television depictions of the Old West, including Back to the Future Part III, Wyatt Earp, and Walker, Texas Ranger, as well as literary works like True Grit and The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford will be subjected to scrutiny against historical records of law enforcement in 19th-Century Nebraska, California, and Arizona. In their culminating project, students will create and write an artist's statement for a movie poster or book cover that accurately portrays law enforcement in the American West.

Holistic Fitness: Mind, Body & Soul

Cost: \$500

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

Come improve your brain health, help manage weight, reduce the risk of disease, strengthen bones and muscles, and improve your ability to do everyday activities! We will spend this Winterim finding new boundaries that challenge your muscular endurance and strength. We will explore a variety of physical fitness workouts, including spin, kickboxing, circuit training, strength & conditioning, barre, zumba, & hot yoga. Each day will include a fitness class, stretch, journaling and creating healthy meals. Come each day ready to sweat and prepare to leave empowered and feeling strong. Not only will you get a full body experience in different exercise classes but we will dive deep into the importance of nutrition by shopping for ingredients and cooking our own meals morning, day and night. Other holistic approaches to improve your life that will be included in this winterim will be: Vision boards, Journaling (wellness & progress), Goal setting, and SEL activities (strength & confidence, resilience, coping).

This holistic approach to health and wellness will help you establish routines that will change your life!

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Investing with Your Conscience

Cost: \$450

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

This Winterim will allow students to gain a greater and more comprehensive understanding of Wall Street, Global financial institutions, and the business world. The overarching theme of the Winterim, and that which will guide our inquiry is how to invest in a socially responsible manner. Investors increasingly find meaning in their work by using their investment dollars to impact causes that can be seen as benefiting others and creating good on a global scale. Whether it is environmental, social or governance related, one's voice and ideas can be heard while maintaining an intelligent investment strategy. Participants in this course will understand how to design, evaluate, and manage a complete portfolio using the most up to date tools to screen for social responsibility, climate impact, energy efficiency, human rights, political bias, and other ESG filters. ESG investing – or strategies that take a company's environmental, social and governance factors into consideration – grew to more than \$45 trillion in the last 12 months. There are a number of ways to take an ESG investing approach - such as investing in companies that have specific stands on societal issues or putting money into funds that are related to areas of the market such as tobacco, guns, or fossil fuels.

Passionate Poets

Cost: \$200

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

You live, breathe, feel Poetry all around you! This Poetry Winterim will inspire the Poet within you to create a variety of Poetry selections. We will explore different Genres of Poetry around the world. Our exploration will include Poets that create magic and intrigue with their words. We as Poets, will be dedicated to writing, revising and editing our own unique pieces with our Peer Poetry group Partners. We also will and share our work in an intimate group setting that encourages creativity, risk and confidence using our own distinct style.

We will also visit the Poetry Foundation in New York City to explore the influence and access that Poetry has created at a Global level. After our trip, we will apply some of our new learning to enhance our writing techniques.

Finally, our Winterim will culminate with a Forman Poetry Slam that will provide a more public listening session of our own Poetry. This will be a celebration of all of our learning during our Winterim as well as to inspire future Passionate Poets!

Tapping Through Time

Cost: \$500

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

Have you ever wanted to try tap dancing but you never had the opportunity? Did you tap when you were younger but moved on to different sports or activities? Do you tap dance now? Most importantly- do you want to tap over Winterim? Tapping Through Time will cover the rich history of tap dance and also give you the opportunity to become skilled in tap dancing! Inexperienced through advanced tappers are all welcome. Half of each day will be spent dancing, and the other half will be spent learning about the history and mechanics of tap dance. Off-campus excursions might include trips to see a tap show in NYC or the National Museum of Dance in Saratoga Springs, NY.

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The Art of Living in the Northeast

Cost: \$250

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

This Winterim will introduce students to the history and practice of landscaping, interior design, and domestic architecture. The Northeast has been home to crucial developments in these areas, from gilded age mansions to Henry Thoreau's original "tiny house" at Walden Pond, and from Connecticut-born Frederick Law Olmsted's invention of landscape architecture at Central Park to the mid-century modern innovations of Bauhaus architects and beyond. Behind the new ideas about architecture and landscape developed in New York and New England from the eighteenth to the twenty-first centuries is a basic question: what is the good life? Along with day trips to important sites, students will explore how the history of architecture and landscape design continues to impact our lives today through exploration of Litchfield and Forman's own campus, as well as hands-on design projects of their own.

The Art of Textile-Accessory Making

Cost: \$0, Note: *students will be responsible for purchasing their own materials*

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

With the goal to complement and expand personal fashion style for self-empowerment, this fun and practical course in designing and making textile accessories is a balanced combination of accessory study and hands-on projects, ranging from entry level to advanced craftsmanship. Curriculum consists of the five components: 1) study of accessory history and their cultural significance within the historical context, covering eras of 1920's Art Deco, glamorous 1930's Hollywood, wartime 1940s, fun and flirty 1950s, and the hip 1960s; 2) analysis of relationship between textiles and environment, with focus on future sustainability; 3) guidelines for selection of colors, patterns, and textiles; 4) mastery of basic sewing skills, including hand stitches, embroidery, and machine sewing; 5) designing and making at least one project in the following four categories of accessory: scarf, purse, handbag, and textile-based jewelry (earrings, bracelet, or keychain).

The Art of Video Games

Cost: \$0

Min: 5 Students, Max: 15 Students

The Art of Video Games will be a two-week deep dive into a realm everyone knows but we will try to appreciate from new and fresh angles: video games -- what they've been, what they are, what they will be -- and why they matter to so many humans. Consider the following: pick any genre of art you want. Go ahead. Has that genre of art peaked, arguably? Notice how you can craft an argument of rise and decline for just about every single conceivable zone of art - except video games. A video game made over 1 billion dollars in just over 24 hours. The new Super Mario Bros. movie just smashed the all-time biggest box office open for an animated film. The Last of Us has become a major HBO holding, and millions of fans await the awards surely to roll in and, eventually, the sequel season. This course has been designed to look at video games from a wide variety of angles, ranging from technical aspects to console wars, from emulators to nostalgia.